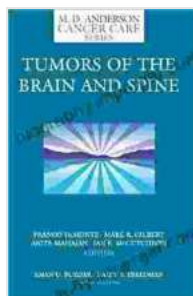


# Tumors of the Brain and Spine: A Comprehensive Guide by MD Anderson Cancer Care Series

Brain and spine tumors are complex and challenging conditions that can have a profound impact on patients and their families. The good news is that there have been significant advances in the diagnosis and treatment of these tumors in recent years, and patients now have more options than ever before.

This comprehensive guide from the experts at MD Anderson Cancer Center provides everything you need to know about brain and spine tumors, from the basics to the latest cutting-edge treatments.



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## What are brain and spine tumors?

Brain and spine tumors are abnormal growths of cells that can occur in any part of the brain or spine. These tumors can be either benign (non-cancerous) or malignant (cancerous). Malignant tumors are more aggressive and can spread to other parts of the brain or spine.

Brain and spine tumors can cause a wide range of symptoms, depending on their location and size. Some common symptoms include:

- Headaches
- Nausea and vomiting
- Seizures
- Vision problems
- Hearing problems
- Balance problems
- Weakness or numbness in the arms or legs

### **How are brain and spine tumors diagnosed?**

Brain and spine tumors are typically diagnosed using a combination of imaging tests, such as MRI and CT scans. These tests can help to identify the location and size of the tumor, as well as determine whether it is benign or malignant.

In some cases, a biopsy may be necessary to confirm the diagnosis. A biopsy involves removing a small sample of the tumor for examination under a microscope.

### **How are brain and spine tumors treated?**

The treatment for brain and spine tumors depends on a number of factors, including the location and size of the tumor, the type of tumor, and the patient's overall health.

Treatment options may include:

- Surgery
- Radiation therapy
- Chemotherapy
- Targeted therapy
- Immunotherapy

In some cases, a combination of treatments may be necessary.

### **What is the prognosis for brain and spine tumors?**

The prognosis for brain and spine tumors varies depending on a number of factors, including the type of tumor, the stage of the tumor, and the patient's overall health.

The 5-year survival rate for all brain and spine tumors is about 65%. However, the survival rate for some types of brain and spine tumors is much higher. For example, the 5-year survival rate for meningiomas, a type of benign brain tumor, is over 90%.

### **Where can I find more information about brain and spine tumors?**

If you or someone you know has been diagnosed with a brain or spine tumor, there are a number of resources available to help you.

The following organizations provide information and support to patients and families affected by brain and spine tumors:

- American Brain Tumor Association

- National Brain Tumor Society
- Children's Brain Tumor Foundation
- MD Anderson Cancer Center

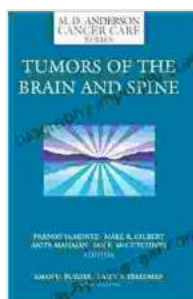
You can also find more information about brain and spine tumors on the website of the National Cancer Institute.

Brain and spine tumors are complex and challenging conditions, but there is hope for patients and families.

The good news is that there have been significant advances in the diagnosis and treatment of these tumors in recent years, and patients now have more options than ever before.

If you or someone you know has been diagnosed with a brain or spine tumor, remember that you are not alone.

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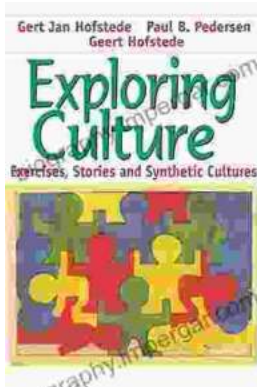
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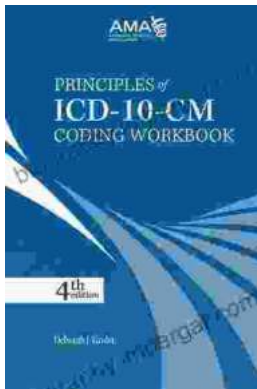
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